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On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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Hongkong, August 16, 1879.

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(Incorporated 7th & 18th March, 1848.)

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Hongkong, May 20, 1879.

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Hongkong, September 4, 1879.

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H. H. NELSON,
Manager.

Hongkong, May 31, 1879.

NATIONAL BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Registered in London under the Companies' Act of 1862, on 23rd March, 1866.

Established in Calcutta 29th September, 1863.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....£933,000.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....£465,250.

RESERVE FUND,.....£20,000.

HEAD OFFICE—39, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON, E.C.

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R. H. SANDEMAN,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 1, 1879.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE INTEREST and RESPONSIBILITY of Mr. O. GRABE in our Firm CEASED, by Expiration of Contract, on the 31st of December, 1879.

Mr. O. GRABE will Continue to Serve our Firm until 31st May of 1880.

Mr. GUSTAV FISCHER has been Admitted a PARTNER in our Firm from this Date.

E. MEYER & Co.

Tientain, 1st of January, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Business CONDUCTED by me in BOMBAY, both independently of, and connection with, the Firms of Messrs E. D. SASSOON & Co. of CHINA, will from this Date, be Carried on under the Style or Firm of E. D. SASSOON & Co.

E. D. SASSOON.

Hongkong, August 21, 1879.

NOTICE.

Mr. LEONARD STAEL in our Firm CHANGED on the 31st December last.

Mr. F. O. DITTMER is authorized to Sign our Firm per Procuratum.

HESSE & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

THE Undesignated have been appointed AGENTS to the NEW YORK BOARD OF UNDERWRITERS.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1880.

NOTICE.

RECORD OF AMERICAN AND FOREIGN SHIPPING.

Agents,

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, Sept. 3, 1879.

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Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

JANUARY 29th, 1880.

OVERTURE...Le Maçon (Auber)...Orchestra.

To be followed by ARTHUR SULLIVAN'S COMIC OPERA IN 2 Acts, entitled

"THE SORCERER."

Dramatic Personae.

SI MARMADUKE Pointdextre (an elderly Baronet). Mr. AUSTIN.

Alexis (of the Grenadier Guards, his son). Mr. RACKSTRAW.

Dr. Daly (Vicar of Ploverfield). Mr. ROWLEY.

Notary. Mr. BOWLANDS.

John Wellington Wells (of J. W. Wells & Co.). Mr. E. EWING.

Family Sorceress). Mr. CHARLES COOPER.

Lady Sangraza (a lady of ancient lineage). Mad. CHERVAU.

Aline (her daughter—be-trothed to Alexis). Miss KERR.

Mrs. Partlett (a few years older). Mrs. FRANCIS.

Constance (her daughter). Mrs. ENSTON.

CHORUS OF VILLAGE MAIDENS, BRIDES-MAIDS, PEASANTS, SERVANTS, POLICE-MEN, &c., by MEMBERS of the HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

ACT I.—GROUND OF MR. MARMADUKE'S MANSION.

Half-an-hour is supposed to elapse between ACTS I. and II.

ACT II.—MARKET-PLACE OF PLOVERFIELD.

CONDUCTOR, Mr. PANIZZA.

Orchestra.

Piano, Harmonium,

Violin 1st,

Violin 2nd,

Flute,

Drums.

Tickets may be purchased and places secured at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., on and after SATURDAY, the 17th Instant.

Tickets, admission only, £2.

Do., admission and Book of Words (on entering Theatre) £2.50.

BOOKS containing Words of the Songs and concerterd Music may also be had of Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., on the day of the Performance, 29th Inst.—Price, 50 Cents each.

For the Committee, R. LYALL.

Hongkong, January 28, 1880.

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FOR SALE.

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THE FURNISHINGS, FIXTURES,

STOCK-IN-TRADE and GOOD-WILL of the well-known and prosperous Business at present Carried on by Mr. ANDREW WOLTERS at

THE BRITISH HOTEL.

Full Particulars will be given on Application.

Hongkong, January 23, 1880.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.,

HAVE JUST LANDED FROM
THE AMERICAN MAIL
THE following STORES, in
Excellent Condition:Fresh Roll BUTTER.
Finest Comb HONEY, in Frame.
Do. in Bottles.Fresh APPLES.
Dried Sliced Datto.

Boneless CODFISH.

George's Bank Do.

Finest Eastern Factory CREAM CHEESE.

Mild California Do.

Smoked SALMON.

Family Meats BEEF, in 25 lbs. kegs.

Oregon Pickled OX TONGUES, very fine.

Family PORK, in 25 lbs. kegs.

American HAMS.

Do. BACON.

CORNMEAL, HOMINY, CRACKED

WHEAT.

OATMEAL, RYE FLOUR, BUCK-

WHEAT FLOUR.

CORN BROOMS, CORN WHIPS.

Table FRUITS, Barlett PEARS, AFRIC-

COTS, PEACHES.

Stuffed PEPPERS, ASPARAGUS.

APPLE SAUCE, CRANBERRY SAUCE.

OYSTERS, LOBSTERS, SALMON,

CLAMS.

PEA NUTS, PECAN NUTS, BRAZIL

NUTS.

CREAM OF TARTAR, SALERATUS.

Meritt's Eastern CIDER.

WINSTON's Celebrated GREEN CORN.

LIMA BEANS, SUCCOTASH, SUGAR

PEAS.

CALIFORNIA CRACKER Co.'s GINGER

CAKES.

MILK BISCUITS.

ALPHABET BISCUITS.

OYSTER BISCUITS.

WAFER BISCUITS.

SODA BISCUITS.

Ex S.S. "GLENFINLAS," and Late

Arrivals.

SMYRNA FIGS.

Muscatel BLOOM RAISINS.

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Cooking and Table PRUNES.

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Candied PEEL.

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CARAWAY SEEDS.

SCHWEITZER's COCOATINA.

HAM TONGUE & CHICKEN SAUSAGE.

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TRUFFLED SAUSAGES.

GAME PIES.

Potted MEATS.

Prime Yorkshire HAMS.

Prime Wiltshire BACON in Tins & Canvas.

OX-TONGUES in JELLY.

TRUFFLES.

Champagne, &c.

HEIDBUCK & Co.'s MONOPOLE, Pints

and Quarts.

ADOLFE COLLIN'S BOUZY CABINET.

MUMM's (JULIUS) CHAMPAGNE, Pints and

Quarts.

NEYEN's (BODEN) BOUZY, Pts. and Qts.

CHARLES HEIDBUCK's WHITE SEAL,

Pints and Quarts.

VEUVE CLICQUOT PONSARDIN, Pints

and Quarts.

THEROPHILE ROEDERER & Co.'s VIE-ZENAY

MOUSSEUX, Pints and Quarts.

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PERRIER JOUET in Quarts.

Claret.

THIBEAU (CHATEAU), Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU L'AROSE (CUCIEN & ABER).

Pints and Quarts.

CHATEAU LAFITE, Pints and Quarts

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BREAKFAST CLARET, Pints & Quarts.

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ST. JULIEN, &c., &c.

Burgundy, Hock, Sherries, &c.

Chambord, Chablis (white), Liebfraumilch,

Bockheiser, Nietschsteiner, Steinberger

Cabinet, Rudesheimer Berg, Kon-

nin Victoria, Burz, Chateau

Yquem, Grand Vin, Haut

Sauterne, Marsala, Sac-

one's Pale Dry White Seal

Sherry, Yellow Seal Amontillado

Sherry, Cutler Palmer and Company's

Sherry, Invalid Port (1848), Hunt's Port.

Brandy, Whisky, Liqueurs, &c.

1, 2 and 3-star Hennessy's Brandy, La

Grande Marque Brandy, Cutler Palmer

& Co.'s Brandy, Rouyer Guillet &

Co.'s Brandy, 1 to 4 stars;

Finest Old Bourbon Whisky, highly recom-

mended, Kilnahan's LI'L Irish Whisky,

Jameson's Irish Whisky, Royal

Glendronach Whisky;

AVH Gin, Swaine Board & Co.'s Old Tom

Gin; La Grande Chartreuse, Green

and Yellow, Maraschino de Zara,

Curacao, Pts. & Qts.; Ango-

stura, Boker's and Orange

Bitters, &c., &c., &c.

BASS' ALE, bottled by CAMERON & GAUN-

DEES, Pints and Quarts.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by E. & J.

BUKE, Pints and Quarts.

PILSFELD BEER, in Quarts.

DRAUGHT ALE and PORTER, by the

Gallon.

SHELTZ MILWAUKEE BEER.

BUDDENBERG BEER.

BOCA BEER.

ALBION ALE.

BLAZT MILWAUKEE BEER.

ALE and PORTER, in Bulk, (Hds. and

Kilderkins).

Ships' STORES of every description,

Hemp and Cotton CANVAS.

Russian, Manila, and Wire ROPE.

SAIL-MAKING and RIGGING promptly

executed.

Specially Selected CIGARS.

Princess CHEROOTS.

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Choice No. 1 Fortin CIGARS in Boxes

of 100.

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Choice No. 3 Fortin CIGARS.

NEW SEASON'S PRESENT TEA, in 5 and

10 Catty Boxes.

Hongkong, January 12, 1880.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

SATURDAY,

31st January, 1880.

FAREWELL BENEFIT

OF

MISS EMILY BLAIN

AND

MRS. NORVILLE.

By desire of numerous Patrons

"PINK DOMINOES"

will be again presented.

NOTICE.—The Company leaves by S. S.

Hector, on SUNDAY, 1st February.

Tickets at Messrs KELLY & WALSH's, or

at the HOTEL DE L'UNIVERS.

GEO. NORVILLE,

Business Manager,

Hongkong, January 28, 1880.

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FOR AMOY, TAMSUI & TAIWANFOO.

The Steamship

"ALBAY,"

Capt. F. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports

on SATURDAY, the 31st Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, January 28, 1880. ja31

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"TANAI,"

Command. De LA MARCHEILLE, will

be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 28, 1880.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship

"YANGTSE,"

Commandant CHAMENOIS, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, January 28, 1880.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor

Owners will be Responsible for any

Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew

of the following Vessels, during their stay

in Hongkong Harbour:

MOSER B. TOWER, American barkentine, Capt. C. Hall, -Jardine, Matheson & Co.

MIDDLESEX, British barque, Captain A. Walsh, -Borneo Company.

PRINCE FREDERICK, British ship, Capt. John Clague, -Vogel & Co.

MABEL, American barque, Capt. Francis Ballot, -Capitan.

ALICE REED, American barque, Captain Killoran, -Vogel & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

a stout and enjoys much better health. No unusual growth of hair is noticeable in any other member of the family. Mr Smith had a fuzzy face in childhood, began to shave at the age of thirteen, but stopped shaving eighteen years ago. His hair is thick and strong, and has to be cut frequently.

A SHANGHAI paper in the interest of the public, calls attention to the strict observance of the postal regulations referring to samples, whose contents might prejudice correspondence, and mentions that in a mailbag received lately at the French Post Office, a box of aniline, which was not sufficiently strong was found to have been broken at both ends during the transport. All postal matter contained in the same bag was coloured in the brightest red.

Mr. Bryce-Wright in setting down some information with regard to the discovery of sapphires in Siam, which he has received through one of the Siamese Princes now in England, says:—

There are several sapphire mines in the country on the sea coast; already some thousands of people are at work, and valuable gem have been found and sold at a good profit. The mines are directly under the control of the Government. My own opinion is that Siam will yield sapphires in large quantities, as well as other precious stones. The diamond, I am fully persuaded, will be discovered—my reason for thinking so being that, as Siam must have possessed gold mines, in consequence of the numerous golden images and objects seen in the country, the gem will also be found in its surerous sands, gold being nearly always its associate. That the country is on the point of being surveyed scientifically there is every reason to believe, the Ambassador, on his return to Bangkok last month, having taken with him all the necessary appliances for a strict geological examination, as well as a series of every known variety of gems and precious stones in their natural state, both cut and polished for the purposes of comparison. Siam may be looked forward to with trustworthy expectation, I thoroughly believe, as one of the future prolific gem-bearing countries of the world.

The San Francisco papers have despatches dated Washington Dec. 18 as follows:—

The letter of Governor Irwin, officially stating the result of the vote of California upon the question of Chinese immigration, which was laid before the House by Speaker Randall yesterday, has been referred by that body to its Committee on Education and Labor. Willis, of Kentucky, Chairman of this Committee, expressed to the California Representatives to-day his continued desire to do everything in his power to obtain Congressional action for the restriction of Mongolian immigration, and inquired what steps they propose to take in this matter this session. They informed him in reply that they intend to have some measure prepared for introduction immediately after this Christmas recess; by which time Congress will be ready for work, and a plan for united action will doubtless be mature.

The following paragraphs from the *Broad Arrow*, of the 13th ult., are of interest to many of our readers:—

The nomination of Admiral the Hon. Charles Gilbert John Brydene Elliot, C.B., to the Devonport command, in succession to Admiral Farquhar, has caused considerable surprise, as the appointment was looked upon as cut-and-dried for Admiral Charles G. Hillyar, C.B., late naval commander in the China seas. Admiral Elliot had, however, very strong claims for the appointment, and they could not well be overlooked. He will assume command in January next, and will, unless unforeseen circumstances should arise, retain the desirable appointment until October, 1861, when he will have to vacate on promotion to Admiral of the Fleet, in succession to Sir Thomas Symonds, K.C.B. Admiral Elliot, who was born in December, 1818, enjoyed unusually rapid promotion since his first entry into the Navy in May, 1832. His father, the late Earl of Minto, held the appointment of First Lord of the Admiralty from 1838 to 1841, and this circumstance stood by no means in his favor. Six years after he entered the service he obtained his Lieutenantcy, dated 7th January, 1838, and two years later he passed on to the commander's list, from which he was promoted captain in 1841, being then in his twenty-third year. In 1849 he commanded the *Hazzard* at the bombardment of St. Jean d'Acre. After his promotion to captain he served in command of the *Spartan* on the North American Station from 1841 to 1845. In the first portion of our last China war he had command of the *Sibille*, and served as commodore at the capture of Canton in October, 1856. He also commanded the Naval Brigade at the taking of Canton, and witnessed the destruction of the war ships in Fatsian Creeks. For his services in China he received the C.B., and was appointed a naval aide-de-camp to the Queen. His last service as a captain was with the *St. Jean d'Acre*, of Lisbon and the Channel, from September 1860, to August, 1861, when he was promoted rear-admiral. Since his advancement to the flag list, Admiral Elliot has been employed in command of our squadron on the south-East Coast of America with his flag on the ill-fated *Bombay* and *Narcissus*. He had the Nore command from 1870 to 1873, when he was promoted to Admiral. Admiral Elliot has been twice married, first, in 1863, to Louisa (who died in 1870), daughter of Sir Edward Blackett, Bart.; and second, in 1874, to Lady Harriet Emily Liddell, daughter of Lord Ravensworth. He has surviving one son, by the first marriage and two daughters by the second.

Admiral Sir Michael Seymour, G.C.B., as completed his seventy-seventh year, dying on the 3rd December 1862. He was created a G.C.B., in 1859, in his services in command of the Naval forces in China, and was M.P. for Southampton from August of that year till February, 1863.

Sir Arthur Kennedy, K.C.M.G., C.B., Governor of Queensland, is shown by the *Mercury*, last month after month, to be with the services of an aide-de-camp. As a fact of the appointment is held by Captain Cornelius O'Callaghan, late of the West India Regiment, who accompanies Sir Arthur wherever he serves, acting as private secretary.

Police Intelligence. (Before C. V. Creagh Esq.)

Wednesday, Jan. 28.

SELLING SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS WITHOUT A LICENSE.

Li Ang, the master of a stone quarry, and his wife, Chan Anan, were charged with retailing spirituous liquors on the 26th instant without being in possession of a license.

Cheung Tin Po, a grass-cutter, residing at Shau-ki-wan, proved going to the house of the prisoners and being armed with 30 cash worth of sampan. He was served by the woman in the presence of her husband. The sampan was taken from jail behind the door.

P. C. 85, James Forbes, ten with the last witness to the defendant's house. He saw the witness enter the house with an empty bottle and in a few minutes return with a supply of sampan.

Inspector Swanston stated that at 3.30 p.m. yesterday he searched the house No. 293, Shau-ki-wan, occupied by the two defendants, and found, concealed under some grass and old baskets, behind the door, a jar containing a quantity of sampan. There was another jar which apparently contained the same spirit, but it was then empty. The inspector had been watching the prisoners for the last twelve months and had often sent men to my spirits but had not till now succeeded in getting evidence. He had suspected them for a long time of illegal traffic in spirits.

Both defendants said the sampan was in the house for their own use and denied having sold any.

The first defendant was fined \$50, the witness Cheung Tin Po to receive \$5 from the fine, if paid; the second prisoner, being the wife of the first, and having apparently acted under his orders, was discharged. The first defendant said he was unable to pay the fine, and was sent to gaol for six weeks with hard labor.

PREPARED FOR THE RACES.

Pun Asui, a coolie, was charged with stealing a number of horse-shoes on board the British barque *Gleninor* this morning.

Mr H. R. Jones, the master of the barque, examined the defendant's clothes this morning and found a number of old horse-shoes concealed round his person and attached to his girdle. They were part of the cargo and belonged to Meesra and Co.

Defendant admitted the charge and was sentenced to twenty-one days' imprisonment with hard labor.

LARCENY.

Lo Mo Fuk, a coolie, was charged with stealing a bag containing 50 cents from the basket of a hawker. He denied the charge, but the prosecutor was positive as to the identity of the prisoner.

Two previous convictions of larceny were recorded against the defendant, and he was sentenced to six months' imprisonment with hard labor.

KIDNAPPING A GIRL.

Sze Afong, a shopkeeper, and Chun Chiu, a priest, were charged with kidnapping a girl named Sze Kwai Mu, eleven years of age.

It appeared that the child came here from Sun-nin with her parents about a month ago and resided with the child's aunt in Sziyeng-pun. On the 20th instant the mother of the girl returned to her native place, and during her absence woman took the child and sold her to the priest, the second defendant. The child saw money pass between the second defendant and the woman who sold her. The first prisoner was also present.

The case stands remanded till the 4th proximo.

(Before the Hon. C. B. Pilket.)

THE "KATE WATERS" TRAGEDY; RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS.

The two men, Tahil and Awat, charged with being concerned in the murder of the Captain and officers of the *Kate Waters* in November, 1873, were again before the Court to-day.

The Captain Superintendent of Police, under instructions from H. K. the Governor tendered copies of the depositions taken before the Hon. W. H. Treasurer, Consul-general for Borneo, on the 8th ultimo.

The prisoners had been residing for about twelve months past at Bankoku. They arrived there in three small boats along with the other men who have been already tried for the murder in question. At first they said they had been shipwrecked but afterwards one man (John) admitted having murdered the Captain. The other men were arrested and sent to Labuan, three men, Seriman and the two prisoners being allowed to remain. They had during that time obtained the means of livelihood by fishing. About two months ago the Sheriff of Bankoku ordered these three men to be arrested and taken to Labuan, but while the vessel they were in was at anchor off the old Flagstaff Point Seriman made his escape during the night. It did not however appear why the other men were not sent on along with the other prisoners when they first landed.

Both prisoners when before the Consul General described the particulars of the tragedy—Tahil being at the wheel at the time and Awat in his bunk feigning sickness. They had both been employed by the other men to join in the murders but had refused. From their depositions it would almost seem that they would have been important witnesses against the men who have been tried rather than that they should be placed in the dock themselves, and there appeared to be no evidence against them.

Before the Magistrate to-day they both again denied having anything to do with the murder of the officers or crew of the ship, and were ordered to be discharged.

China.

SHANGHAI.

(Mercury, Jan. 19-21.)

The *Dartmouth*, which arrived on the 13th inst., has on board 215 tons of powder. The *Genfiafas* brought 250 tons of powder, and 55 tons of shot and unlined shell, for the Nanking Arsenal. These stores were ordered through the Customs.

A good idea has got into the head of one of our American cousins. As a railway for traffic between Shanghai and Woosung was objectionable to the mandarins, he is about to use the river for regular steam com-

munication, running a passenger steamer between the two places.

The China Merchants S. N. Co. are, we understand, much disatisfied with the heavy cost of arbitration in collision cases, and they propose in future to go to the Mixed Court. Arbitration cases in Shanghai are merely a copy of cases in Law Courts, and the expenses are much the same, or even heavier. They are not, we understand, disatisfied with the results of the arbitration, they have no fault to find with the judgments; but they consider it would be considerably cheaper to do it in the Mixed Court. Law is so expensive and unsatisfactory here, that it is better to put up with any moderate injury perhaps than to law about it; the costs which are certain often being out of all proportion to the benefit likely to be derived. The policy of killing the goose that lays the golden egg is one that is often, we think, pursued by lawyers in Shanghai, when they send in heavy bills of costs.

Japan.

NAGASAKI.

(Rising Sun, Jan. 17.)

Shortly after midnight on Sunday last, both foreigners and natives were again aroused from their slumbers by the dread alarm of fire, which this time broke out in a native house on the Sagaramatzu side of Our town. The appearance from a distance at first tended to excite apprehension of danger for the whole of the surrounding district, but which suspicions were fortunately unfounded, as the houses were detached and were also situated on the side of the hill. Favoured by an almost entire absence of wind, the flames were confined to the block of houses—some six in number—in which they originated. The various native fire brigades were in full force, but owing to the tide being low, great difficulty was experienced in obtaining a supply of water, which want would have been more severely felt had not the night been perfectly calm. A party from the *Pegasus* and the local Chinese fire brigade also turned out.

The *Kinokuni Maru* came out of Dook yesterday. The *Tonyoshima Maru* was taken on the Slip on Sunday last, where she still remains. The *Grand Constantine* is over at Akounoura, and will probably go in Dook or on the Slip before leaving port. The *Djigit* is expected to be docked to-day, and will be followed by the *Tongou*. The *Tokei Maru* is daily expected, and is destined for the Slip.

In view of the number of fires that are, not without sufficient reason, expected at this season of the year, it may not be altogether out of place to draw attention to the apparently unwaranted destruction of property at each visitation, caused by the standard-bearers of the different native fire brigades, in their energetic efforts to firmly establish their standards in a prominent position—generally on the roof of the nearest incombustible house—where neither the safety of the dwelling nor the dwellers are spared in their frantic endeavours to plant their all-important staff. invariably the first on the scene, and always the last to retire, anyone would be inclined to imagine that the speedy and successful extinction of the flames entirely depended upon the timely presence of their magic wands. The damage thus caused to one particular house in the vicinity of the last fire, will cost almost as much to make good as the rebuilding of one of those that were entirely destroyed by the flames. Without wishing to detract one particle from the praise due to the fire brigades for their unceasing gratuitous services, we venture to suggest that it would be no great loss to either the brigades or the public generally if this apparently superfluous office of standard-bearer was abolished.

The S. S. *Meiji Maru* arrived here on Thursday afternoon with a task for a new telegraph steamer for the Government, about to be built in this port. The *Meiji Maru* has been laying new cables across the Shikoku and Shimonegaki Straits, and left last night at midnight direct for Yokohama. The new cables, which were erroneously stated by the native papers to be intended for communication with the Rio Kiu Islands, are of an improved description in order to withstand the raids of the *teredo*, a marine insect, very destructive to telegraph cables in all waters.

The British barque *Nimrod* reports having left Yokohama on the 23rd ult., but owing to stress of weather was compelled to return to Kaneda Bay on the 25th, which place she again left on the 28th, and experienced a most extraordinary succession of strong Easterly gales, and heavy sea, and was for six days under lower top-sails and storm-sails. Was in company with H. B. M.'s S. *Pegasus* from Palau Rocks to Kit Island. The sale of the German brig *Thorkild* has been satisfactorily concluded. She hoisted the Japanese flag yesterday.

Singapore.

(Daily Times.)

The Senior Police Magistrate here, Mr R. S. O'Connor, has been ordered home at once by the Medical authorities.

For some time back complaints have been rife among the Penang traders with Achin the unfair treatment by the Dutch authorities, who are accused of endeavouring to ruin the Penang trade with Achin by favouring vessels flying Dutch colours and obstructing and hampering the trade between Penang and Sumatran ports. A committee appointed by the Penang Chamber of Commerce to inquire into the grievances of the traders has just issued its report, from which it would appear that, although the evidence forthcoming does not fully justify the complaints made and does not afford proof of a deliberate design on the part of the Dutch authorities to transfer the Penang trade to vessels flying Dutch colours, yet a case is made out of a prejudice existing on the part of Dutch officials in favour of the Dutch flag and of harsh and arbitrary conduct and a disposition to look upon Penang as a pestilential place supplying arms and ammunition to the hostile Achinees. In short the Dutch officials are not acting up either to the letter or spirit of the communication of Mr Nieuwenhuizen, the Dutch Commissioner, addressed to Sir Harry Ord on the subject of the Achinees trade in March 1873, when the Achinees war began, and there is fair ground for a representation on the subject being made to the Netherlands India Government.

Mr Knox, lately Consul General for Siam, refused to resign upon his arrival in England, fearing hurt, doubtless, at Mr Palgrave having been appointed his successor before Mr Knox had been offered

another post or been requested to resign. We now learn that Mr Knox has tendered his resignation, which has been accepted. Mr Palgrave is expected to arrive here by the coming outward mail.

Mr Lees, C. M. G., the recently appointed Governor of Labuan, is expected to arrive here by the coming mail from England.

The O. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Ulysses*, which arrived from Liverpool on the 13th instant, has been quarantined owing to her having a few slight cases of small-pox on board, and this has again raised a discussion as to the uselessness and inconvenience of having a quarantine law here at all.

The weather has been rather dry and warm during the week, with occasional heavy showers of rain.

THE LATEST NEWS FROM CABUL.

The telegraphic summary by last mail from Indian papers giving the latest news from Cabul does not give a very clear or connected view of General Roberts' position and prospects from the 14th up to the 25th December, and it requires some study of the details to form any distinct notion upon the subject.

One thing is clear, and that is that the fighting that took place from the 11th to 14th December took him by surprise. He confesses as much himself. Neither he nor his Officers nor the friendly or professedly friendly Afghan Sirdars in Cabul had any idea of the storm that was so suddenly to burst over their heads. Among the Sirdars was Wall Mahomed, a son of the famous Dhost Mahomed and therefore a brother of Shere Ali and the uncle of the ex-Ameer Yakub Khan, and who expects to be made Ameer, but he had no information or caution to give. General Roberts says that it was not to the interests of Wali Mahomed and the other Sirdars to conceal matters from him, but it is hard to believe that these people knew nothing of the tempest brewing. Treachery and hatred of the Feringshi are the two chief characteristics of the Afghan nature. It was surely Yakub Khan's interest to prevent at all hazards the murder of the British envoy, yet there can hardly be a doubt that he at least tacitly connived at it. Another uncle of his, Nei Mahomed, the youngest son of the Dhost, and now a fugitive with the Russians, appears to have been the ringleader and commanded the Afghans at the battle of Charasiab on the 8th October against General Roberts and his avenging army. The rising on the 11th December would appear to have been mainly the work of a fanatical old Moolah, Muski Alam, of Ghuzni, said to be over 90 years of age. He proclaimed a jihad or holy war at Ghuzni, and having secured the services of Mohamed Jan Khan, an Officer who commanded the regular regiments at Charasiab, he marched against the infidels northwards from Ghuzni towards Cabul, gathering strength from every village and valley as he went along, and it is estimated that he had under his banners when the fighting began around Cabul something like 50,000 enthusiasts. At the same time it had been concerted that the Kohistanis from the north should advance also on Cabul. Their strength has been variously estimated at from 20,000 to 60,000. It is therefore little wonder that, opposed with his 7,000 men against such overwhelming numbers, General Roberts deemed it prudent to concentrate in his entrenched camp at Sherpur to prevent his force from being cut up in detail. He did so on the 14th December, and up to the 24th December seems to have contented himself with occasional raids and reconnaissances, awaiting reinforcements. Meanwhile the enemy held possession of the Bala Hisar and the city of Cabul the inhabitants of which made common cause with them.

On the 23rd, attacks on his camp by the enemy were repulsed with heavy loss, and they abandoned the city. On the 24th General Roberts appears to have taken the initiative. On that day Col. Norman occupying the Jugguluck Pass, heard there heavy firing at Cabul, which lasted forty-eight hours, and General Gough reported having heard the same at Sib Baba on this side of Jugguluck. How long the struggle lasted is not yet properly known, but it was not till the 30th December that Reuter announced the complete victory of General Roberts, the re-occupation of Cabul and the Bala Hisar and the city of Cabul the inhabitants of which made common cause with them.

Export of the various descriptions of Tea shipped from Canton Waters, (Hongkong, Canton and Macao) to Great Britain to date—Dec. 24, S. S. *Antenor*, Congon 42,900 lbs., S. O. *Pekoe* 88,250 lbs., Sorts 51,876 lbs., total 133,026 lbs.; 28, S. S. *Pekoe*, Congon 370,301 lbs., S. C. *Pekoe* 4,617 lbs., total 384,388 lbs.; 31, S. S. *Pekoe* 43,827 lbs., Congon 17,284 lbs., S. C. *Pekoe* 18,270 lbs., Sorts 10,500 lbs., total 151,421 lbs.; Jan 7, S. S. *Anadyr*, S. C. *Pekoe* 11,831 lbs., total 11,331 lbs.; 13, S. S. *Pekoe*, Congon 50,428 lbs., S. C. *Pekoe* 23,795 lbs., S. O. *Pekoe* 24,765 lbs., Sorts 59



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